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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN EDITORIAL REACTION TO WARSAW PACT PCC MEETING

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1. AUTHORITATIVE ROMANIAN REACTION TO PCC IN LEAD SCINTEIA EDITORIAL APRIL 24 SELECTIVELY PLAYS UP WARSAW OUTCOME AS ENDORSING AND JUSTIFYING ROMANIA'S FOREIGN POLICY ON CSCE, VIETNAM, MIDDLE EAST AND THIRD WORLD. CONTRIBUTIONS TO DETENTE BY ROMANIA AND CEAUSESCU PERSONALLY ARE STRESSED, IN CONTRAST TO ABSENCE OF ANY MENTION OF "LEADING ROLE" OF "SOCIALIST COMMUNITY" OR USSR IN THIS ENDEAVOR. "PROFOUNDSIGHTNESS AND VIABILITY" OF ROMANIAN POSITIONS ARE SAID TO BE BORNE OUT BY PCC'S "DEBATE AND CONCLUSIONS".

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2. NEED TO ACCELERATE CSCE, HOLD CSCE STAGE THREE THIS YEAR AT HIGHEST LEVEL, CREATE PERMANENT CSCE ORGAN, AND DISSOLVE NATO AND WP RECIPROCALLY (OR AT LEAST MILITARY PORTIONS) ARE HIGHLIGHTED. ON DISARMAMENT, EDITORIAL PICKS OUT PCC'S AFFIRMATION OF 1972 PRAGUE DECLARATION'S REJECTION OF BLOC-TO-BLOC APPROACH AND WARSAW PASSAGE ON EVENTUALLY OPENING MBFR TO "WIDE PATH" FOR DISARMAMENT IN "DIFFERENT REGIONS OF EUROPE" AND "CONTINENT AS WHOLE".

3. IMPLYING SOME DIFFERENCES OF VIEW AT WARSAW, EDITORIAL CLAIMS CEAUSESCU "AFFIRMED CLEARLY THE POSITIONS OF PRINCIPLE OF OUR PARTY AND STATE". PCC MEETING IS TERMED "EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" WHICH ALLEGEDLY DEMONSTRATED THAT "FRUITFUL RESULTS" ARE OBTAINABLE AT SUCH GATHERINGS HELD IN "SPIRIT OF RECIPROCAL RESPECT AND ESTEEM" AND OF "UNDERSTANDING FOR AND RECEPTIVITY TO OPINIONS OF EACH COUNTRY".

4. ON WARSAW PACT FORCES, EDITORIAL IGNORES INTEGRATION OR JOINT COMMAND AND MERELY AGREES WITH NEED FOR WP STATES (PRESUMABLY INDIVIDUALLY) TO "STRENGTHEN (THEIR) MILITARY CAPABILITIES AND DEVELOP RECIPROCAL COLLABORATION IN THIS DIRECTION".

5. ALSO SKEWED TO ROMANIAN NATIONAL OPTIC IS PASSAGE ON DETENTE, WHICH NOWHERE ASSAILS WEST OR ACCUSES IT OF RETARDING DETENTE AND COULD JUST AS WELL APPLY TO MOSCOW. EDITORIAL AMBIGUOUSLY STATES THAT SINCE ONGOING PROCESS OF ASSURING ALL STATES SOVEREIGN, EQUAL, INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE IS "NOT YET IRREVERSIBLE", RCP CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO "CONTINUE STRENGTHENING VIGILANCE OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, THEIR COHESION AND UNITY" AS LONG AS UNSPECIFIED "POWERFUL REACTIONARY FORCES" OPPOSE THIS PROCESS. "POPULAR MASSES" AND "PROGRESSIVE FORCES" ALSO ARE TO BE CALLED UPON TO "THWART ANY ATTEMPT TO PERPETUATE IMPERIALIST POLICIES OF FORCE AND INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES OR TO MAINTAIN SOURCES OF TENSION". ANY "STRENGTHENING OF (PACT) SOLIDARITY AND UNITY", ARTICLE ADDS, MUST BE IN "INTEREST OF EACH (STATE)."

6. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER IN REAL TERMS ROMANIA WAS OBLIGED TO MAKE MEANINGFUL CONCESSIONS AT WARSAW, EDITORIAL SEEMS TO EVINCE CHARACTERISTIC GOR SLIPPERINESS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PACT CONTEXT AND TO UPHOLD STANDARD ROMANIAN POLITICAL POSITIONS OF PRINCIPLE. BOTH FONMIN MACOVESCU AND PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELLOR MALITA TOLD AMBASSADOR APRIL 23 THAT GOR WAS NOT REPEAT NOT DISPLEASED WITH PCC OUTCOME AND EXTENT TO WHICH COMMUNIQUE REFLECTED ROMANIAN POSITIONS. ONLY SPECIFIC EXAMPLE GIVEN OF LATTER, HOWEVER, WAS MALITA'S REFERENCE TO DISSOLUTION OF BLOCS WHICH, ALTHOUGH STILL ACCEPTED DOCTRINE, HE SAID, WAS NOT SO EASY TO GET PACT TO RECOGNIZE OFFICIALLY OF LATE.

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